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**THE WEEK IN REVIEW**

**Iraq Admits Biological Warfare**

Iraq has admitted that it secretly manufactured two kinds of deadly bacteria before the 1991 Persian Gulf War in sufficient quantity to slay millions of people. The Iraqi government said a remote desert factory produced an immense quantity of the germs that cause botulism poisoning and anthrax infections.

**Rajneeshee Death Plot Trial Opens**

The trial of two British women charged with plotting to kill the U.S. attorney for Oregon in 1985, opened last week in Portland. At the time of the alleged plot, Sally Anne Croft and Susan Hagan were followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneeshee and resided in the former central Oregon commune.

**Prosecution Links Hair To Simpson**

On the verge of resting their case against O.J. Simpson, prosecutors last week presented hairs and fibers they contend link Simpson to the murders of Nicole Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

**Haiti Elections Delayed**

Runoff elections for parliamentary seats and municipal posts were postponed in Haiti last week after political parties protested widespread irregularities in the first round of voting.

**Light-Rail Funding Urged**

Portland and Milwaukie officials rallied behind light-rail last week with U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., then signed a letter urging the Oregon Legislature to fund a Portland area south-north line. If lawmakers don't commit \$375 million to the project, federal officials probably won't pay for half of the \$2.8 billion project and that could delay the line for at least a decade.

**Helms Blocks AIDS Bill**

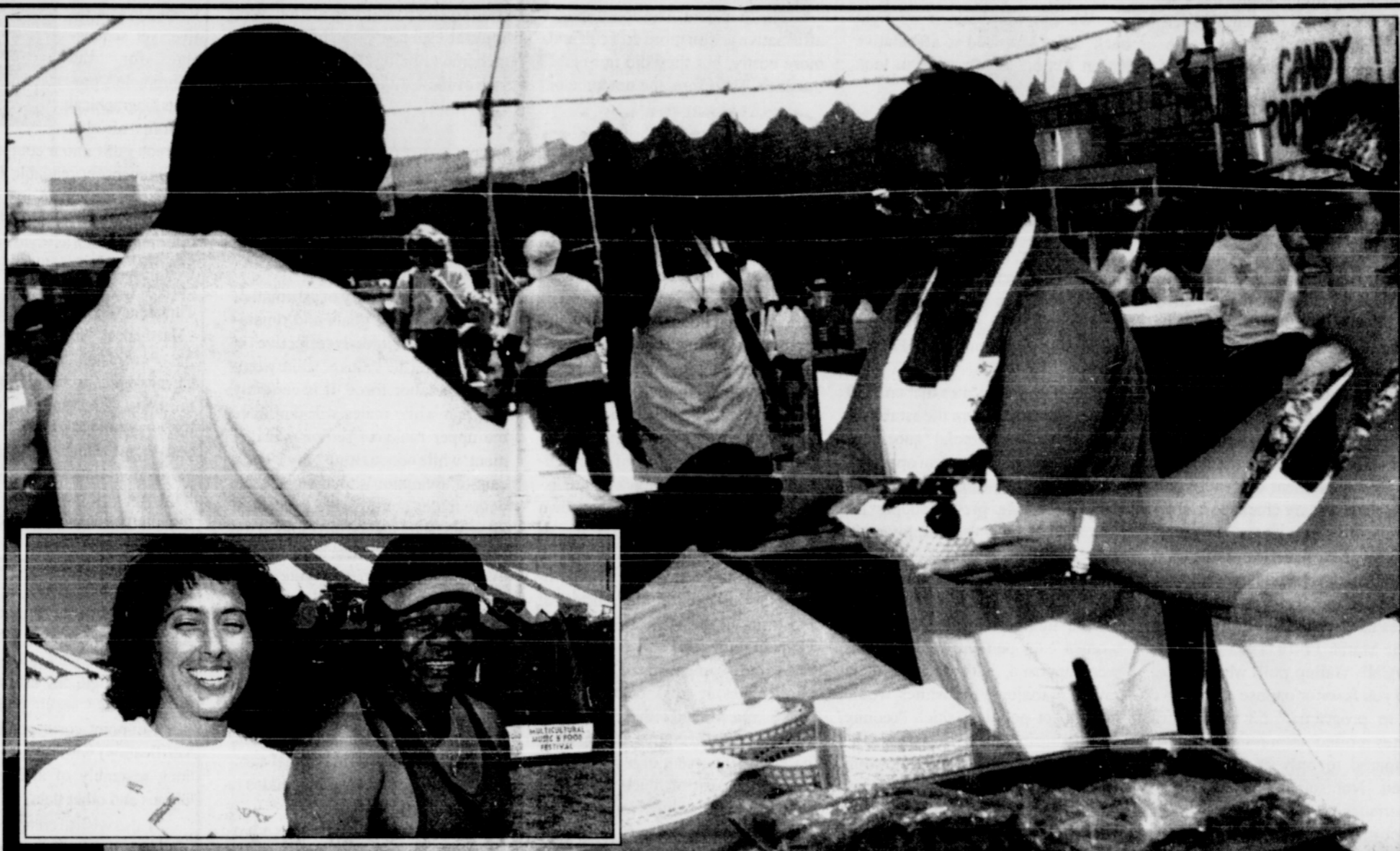
Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., will reduce the amount of federal money spent on AIDS sufferers because he says, it is their "deliberate, disgusting, revolting, conduct" that is responsible for their disease. The senator's determination to reduce AIDS spending comes as Congress considers reauthorizing the Ryan White Care Act of 1990.

**Gingrich Embarks On Book Tour**

Newt Gingrich, calling himself the Republican Party's emotional leader, kicked-off a national book tour last week. The House speaker is taking advantage of the run-up to the presidential primary season to sell books and introduce himself to potential voters.

**Hatfield Wants Time, Lonsdale Runs**

Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore. said last week he's going to take more time to decide whether he wants to run for reelection. Hatfield was first elected to the Senate in 1966. Democrat Harry Lonsdale, who ran for the Senate in 1990 and 1995, is the first person to officially announce his candidacy for the seat.



Good In The Hood: The Strawberries, a delight for all cultures. Inset: Adrianna Carr and Norman Sylvester. See related story on page A3. Photo by Duane Lewis

**Noelle Shakes Up Sheriff's Office**

BY PROMISE KING

**I t did not take long, for Sheriff deputies and commanders to realize that their new chief executive Dan Noelle means business.**

Barely a month after Noelle took office as Multnomah County Sheriff, he started making readjustments and re-organizations as he made necessary.

"We are going to focus our energy and activities in running the jail and corrections. Part of that is we made some organizational changes," the new sheriff told the Portland Observer in an exclusive interview last week.

The office has had more command structure and two separate organizations - one dealing with corrections and another dealing with law enforcement.

Now the former Assistant Police Chief is reducing the amount of Command structure and coordinating the Corrections and Law Enforcement together.

"We are going to use more Correction Commanders positions. In the past very few of the Corrections Commanders have been able to function at top command level," Noelle explained.

Three of the office's five Commanders, Vera Pool, Jacqueline Jamieson and Rich Haug all from Corrections, would in effect be saddled with the responsibility of running a large portion of the organization, the Sheriff said.

Earlier, in his campaign, Sheriff Noelle had voters to get tough on crime and expand jail space. He also pledged to eliminate duplication of effort and cut administrative fat.

The Sheriff's priority now is providing more jail space.

"When you help kids build their self-esteem, their work on building basic skills comes much easier."

That philosophy, expressed by program coordinator Lauren Hopson, is the foundation of a summer program now involving some 90 youngsters at King Elementary School (4906 NE 6th). The five-week program, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30



Dan Noelle

"The main thing we are about to do now is look at space and how it is being used," Noelle said.

The Multnomah Sheriff's office is responsible for the administration and operation of five jails - The Detention Center opened in 1983, Court house jail, built in 1962, The Restitutional Center which has been in operation since February 1987 and recently the Inverness Jail.

These space would be put to maximum use as long as Measure 11 and Senate Bill 1145 is in effect.

SB 1145 contains provisions that rest responsibility for Community Corrections to local communities.

Supporters of the bill argued that study

after study has confirmed that local programs get the best buy for the buck and also produce less recidivism.

Governor John Kitzhaber who already signed the Bill passed by the state legislatures had recommended a transition of authority and administration for Community Corrections from the state to local government.

But the new Multnomah County Sheriff is apprehensive of what might happen in the local corrections with this change in guard.

"I think SB 1145 was a mistake because in effect the state has always been able to house prisoners more cheaply than the County," Noelle contended.

The Sheriff also express fears that when the state transfers responsibility to the county, it remains locked into that mandate even when there is a decrease in funding.

"I am afraid that will happen here," Noelle stated.

The state governor however has set fund aside in his budget to deal with the impact of Measure 11 on local correctional facilities. Funds to construct local correctional facilities sources said, would be available as early as next month. Noelle does not seem to be moved by this.

"Yes, the governor has promised funds for additional space, the problem is whether it is going to be enough in the future," he pondered.

"The county needs about 700 jail beds in order to handle this extra," he added.

Noelle brought to the sheriff's office enormous police experience spanning decades.

He studied to earn his bachelor and master degree in Administration of Justice and Public Administration while on the Police force.

**BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM**

p.m. Monday through Friday, also provides students with leadership skills designed to help them succeed.

Students in Grades 3-5 who were performing below grade level in school, are eager to learn and are supported in their school efforts by their parents were identified by their teachers to participate in the summer session.

Each 15-student classroom is supervised by a teacher and educational assistant, with a student helper and adult volunteer who are King alumni. Student helpers, funded by the Private Industry Council, are members of King's second "I Have A Dream" program class, according to Hopson.

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**Assistance Payments Slashed**

**General assistance payments will be cut 25 percent this month for hundreds of Oregon residents.**

According to the Oregon Department of Human Resources, at least 2,400 people will be affected by the reduction, the result of state budget cuts by the 1995 Legislature.

Of those cases, 1,900 people will get monthly payments of \$210 from the old amount of \$286, while 500 will be cut off from state assistance all together.

"This isn't just a little adjustment," said Sen. Shirley Gold, D-Portland. "For a lot of people that's the difference between making the rent and being homeless."

Gold said "to make matters worse," notices of the reduction were sent out in mid-June to take effect July 1.

"Two weeks' notice of a reduction is unconscionable," Gold said.

Julia Woznick, a recipient of general assistance, called Gold after receiving notice of the reduction. Woznick, who is disabled, says the reduction will force her out of her home.

"I'm just getting by now. The \$76 cut will leave me homeless," Woznick said.

Under agency rules, Woznick is required to maintain a household for six months before her child, now in foster care, can live with her. "Now with the announced cuts," she said, "I will be evicted and may lose the chance of having my son with me."

Gold, who voted against the DHR budget bill, said "I and other Senate Democrats tried to prevent this very situation. We warned our Republican leaders that our state was heading for a situation where our most vulnerable citizens would be paying the freight. That's exactly what the Republican-controlled Legislature has done."